

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20079

Idaho enacted legislation in 2010 (Senate Bill 1330) to remove certain archaic terms from Idaho Code, replacing them with terminology consistent with contemporary usage and diagnostic manuals. That legislation replaced "mentally retarded" with "intellectually disabled"; "mental deficiency" with "mental disability"; "handicapped" with "disabled"; "lunatic" with "person with a mental disability"; and "idiot" with "person without understanding." While the Senate was deliberating S1330, the legislature enacted S1310, which amended Section 39-5606 in Idaho Code. This amendment contained the phrase "the mentally retarded." The purpose of this current bill is to make Section 39-5606 consistent with S1330 by replacing "mentally retarded" with "people with intellectual disabilities," and to change the acronym for immediate care facilities for such persons from "ICF/MR" to "ICF/ID." This legislation also provides a technical correction by striking a non-sequitur phrase in that same Section of the Code.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

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